## Kentucky Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council Membership Committee Teleconference Summary October 24, 2014, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Members: Mary Singleton, Brandon Kelley, Siena Kennedy, Trina Miller (for Shelly Adams), Steve Shannon

**Staff:** Michele Blevins, Christie Penn, Colleen Meszaros

Topic	Discussion	Next Steps
Call Meeting to Order	Mary Singleton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Council members introduced themselves.	
First Order of Business~ Membership Brochure	Several suggestion were made to make changes on the current draft of the membership brochure—with input from Brandon, Trina, Christie, Colleen & Mary.  • Christie made the observation that there are no obvious directions on the pamphlet regarding what to do to become a member. It was determined that the pamphlet should have some –easy to read- information on who to call, and what to do on the back  • Under the heading, "What we are": Mary noted that we are now a 35 member council instead of a 34 member council. *  • (on inside of pamphlet) Mary suggested that "Member duties" might need to be changed to sound more attractive. *  • It was suggested that we change the phrase "commit to a 2 year term" so as not to scare people off. *  • The observation was made that we needed to update the information under the "ad hoc" committee heading. Neither the Peer Support Services Committee nor the Recovery Awareness Committee have met for a very long time, so they were eliminate from the brochure. *  • We would like everyone (if interested) to send in a 1 or 2 sentence quote about what it means to them to be on the committee or why they feel it is important, or how it has helped them and/or their communities. We will chose a few to put on the brochure, not all, given the space limitations, and the rest we will feature on the council website One can choose to be anonymous this way, or not!  • Mary suggested we remove the statement "a stipend will be provided". The rationale is that we don't want people to join just because they want the stipend and driving reimbursement. They will be informed of this after their application is accepted. All were in agreement.	*For the block grant we voted on approving another member and it changed to 35.  *Member duties will be changed to: "Our opportunities"  *Commit will be changed to: "join for a 2 year term"  *To be added to the brochure are: The Advocacy committee, The Policy Committee, and the Managed Care Committee.
Third Order of	Those on the phone conference voted to advance Valerie's	*advance Valerie's

Business: applicant Valerie Mudd	<ul> <li>application to the council for recommendation. *</li> <li>Because Valerie is a part time employee of the Lexington NAMI, and very involved in the participation station there, it was suggested that her nomination include the stipulation that she participate in the council as a family member, and will not represent NAMI Lexington.</li> </ul>	application to the council for recommendation.
Fourth Order of Business: Question of whether 2 family members can serve at the same time	<ul> <li>Christie led the discussion. Brandon's mom has attended several meetings and expressed interest in becoming a member. There was concern as to whether this was appropriate or not.</li> <li>There was concern expressed that a precedent would be set and it would throw off voting.</li> <li>Steve Shannon noted that: -The bylaws do not prohibit family members from serving on the council together. ("there is no nepotism policy") -It has been done previously - So, an interested family member should go through the application process as anyone else would, and the application should be treated like any other according to the current procedures that are in place. Steve stated that if this is observed it will make for less conflict later. Steve stated it is important to have Brandon's mother get her application in as soon as possible, preferably before the November meeting. Christie and Colleen stated they would get the application to Brandon's mom.</li> <li>Steve Shannon noted that this cannot be prohibited unless the bylaws change, and perhaps it should be brought up in front of the general council meeting.</li> <li>Concern was brought upregarding what to do if there is a conflict for an opening, and one of the people vying for the spot was a family member of a person already on the council: Brandon's mom can apply as family member of adult. There are 6 seats allocated for family members, and we currently need: 2 parents of children w/ BH challenges, and 2 family members of persons in recovery. So it is not currently a problem at this time. Decision was to encourage her to go through with her application and we will see how it goes!</li> <li>Steve Shannon brought up the fact that with the addition of a prevention person, the committee membership count will go</li> </ul>	
Fifth Order of Business Steve Liles	<ul> <li>Steve Liles was approved as vice chair. The commissioner has approved it and Steve will be finishing out Yolanda's term, which goes through February / March of 2016.</li> </ul>	

Sixth Order of Business: By Law review of proposed changes:	<ul> <li>Article III, Section 3: Add to list: Regional Center Director</li> <li>Article IV, Section 4: It was brought up that the committee is not able to provide 2 candidates per office, and suggested this should be changed. Wording needs to be changed.</li> <li>Article V, Section 2: The Council Secretary will now be charged with keeping the minutes for the meeting instead of the staff. Gayla Hayes and Betty Jo Moss will be sharing the duties of secretary overseeing it and recording. They will communicate with the staff if something is missed.</li> <li>Steve Shannon suggested a bi-laws committee meeting be scheduled, and to plan to make the bi-law changes official at the at the next full council meeting (on March 18, 2015),</li> </ul>	
Miscellaneous:	<ul> <li>Prayers going out to Mary's husband who just recently had a heart attack, and for Michelle's mother who has been ill. And prayers also for the caregivers. Take care of yourselves!!!!</li> </ul>	NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 20, 2014 AT THE TRANSPORTATION CABINET. (IT WILL BE IN A NEW ROOM.)